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Title of Invention: Methods for Operating a Mixed-Potential
Exhaust-Gas Probe and Circuit Arrangements for
Carrying Out the Methods

Attorney Docket: R 36127

Response to Notification of Defective Response

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Dear Sir:

The applicants herewith respond to the notification of defective response mailed on November 15, 2001 wherein the declaration was objected to because it was believed not to be executed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.68 which requires that the declarant must set forth in the body of the declaration that:

"all statements made of the declarant's own
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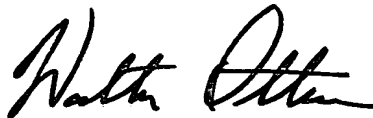
Applicants respectfully submit that their declaration does indeed include the above as shown in the attached a copy of the executed

declaration which was filed on August 23, 2001.

In view of the above, the declaration filed on August 23, 2001 should be acceptable.

A copy of the notification of defective response is also attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Ottesen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Walter" and last name "Ottesen" clearly distinguishable.

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NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494):

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- Preliminary Amendments

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
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Applicant is required to complete the response within a time limit of **ONE MONTH** from the date of this Notification or within the time remaining in the response set forth in the Notification of Missing Requirements, whichever is the longer. No extension of this time limit may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136, but the period for response set in the Notification of Missing Requirements may be extended up to a maximum of six months.

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A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.

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